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FORD AND FERTILIZERS.

There has been a deal of discussion in this section about the offer of Henry Ford to purchase Muscle Shoals, and the people of this section have been consistent advocates of the acceptance of his offer. Although Mr. Ford has never been known to give anybody anything, not even a flivver, there is a general understanding in this section that he was to become a kind of charity dispenser or community worker for the South, and that he would make and sell fertilizers for about one-half of what we are now paying, whatever it might cost him to do so. The insistent demand that his offer be accepted has been grounded on the belief that Mr. Ford obligated himself to produce and sell fertilizers much cheaper than these fertilizers can now be bought.

It seems, however, that this understanding which has been industriously fostered in this section is not well founded. According to the Minority Views of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives Mr. Ford does not obligate himself to make and sell fertilizers to the farmers at all. The report quotes the testimony of Secretary Weeks given before the Committee as follows:

"Mr. Weeks. I said to him (Mr. Ford): 'Will you guarantee to continue to manufacture fertilizer during the life of the contract' (The 100 year period?) He replied that he would not."

"Mr. Weeks. I said in effect: 'You might stop the manufacture of fertilizer in five years, or in any time, to the great disappointment of the people down there.' He said: 'Of course, I am going to stop if I can not manufacture it profitably.'"

Mr. Mayo, it is pointed out, representing Mr. Ford, testified before the committee that the Ford Company would not make fertilizers if it was found to be "unprofitable."

Of the making of fertilizers by Mr. Ford the minority members of the committee further say:

"We realize and appreciate that a great part of the farm lands of the United States is in great need of plant food, and Congress would be justified in departing from its old policies and traveling a long way to assist in getting fertilizers cheaply for the farmers. Our position is that this is a hollow promise made to enlist the support of the farmers and not absolutely binding on any fact contained in the contract or existing outside of the contract. These statements are made and sent broadcast throughout the country without regard to truth. The bold declaration is made that Mr. Ford will manufacture fertilizer at the Muscle Shoals plant and bring down the price one-half. Nothing is ever said that the principal business of Mr. Ford—should he get this gigantic plant—would be the manufacturing of other articles which he would be allowed to sell at any price that he might see fit. The only thing that is kept before the public is that he is to make fertilizer and sell it cheaply to the farmer, only charging for himself a profit of 8 per cent on the production. No one has ever suggested how he could make fertilizers and sell them cheaply or what means he would employ. The bold claim is made and Congress and the country must take the statement as absolute truth or be forever condemned by this crowd of wicked propagandists."

It is pointed out that the term of the lease is for a hundred years and that Mr. Ford at best will not live for even a large part of the term. Even though the public may have the utmost confidence in the good intentions and the ability of Mr. Ford to serve their interests, it is pointed out that those who succeed Mr. Ford may be just ordinary mortals like the

rest of us, and maybe the plant would be used for their own purposes.

It appears to us that there should be a good deal of investigation and some further consideration before a government project which cost the country about eighty-five millions of dollars should be sold to Mr. Ford for a hundred years for five millions of dollars.

As we said Mr. Ford has never given the country anything, not even a flivver.

BETTER TIMES COMING.

When cotton goes up the market writers tell us it is because times are getting better; and when it goes down we are told that the depression is only paving the way for better times. That reminds us of a story about buying cotton futures. A good wife over in Greenwood told an Abbeville lady whose husband didn't know much about finance that the former's husband had bought a hundred bales of cotton and then sold a hundred, and that he "had 'em fixed," because he would make whichever way the market jumped.

THE RICHMOND ROSE AND LILY BLOOM.

(By D. H. Magill, Richmond, Va.)
June 14, 1922.

How pure and white the Richmond rose
And Lily, as they bloom;
Each in its fair sweet fragrance blows,
Exquisite loves perfume!

The Richmond lass in beauty sings,
With virgin grace of May,
Gives each mild breeze the fragrant wing
Of flowers, night and day.

We listen to the James' peace voice,
And view the golden sky,
In days of love and peace rejoice,
Since war clouds break and fly;

While genial stars of tranquil beams,
O'er Southern homes at peace,
Forever will enhance her gleams
And hasten war's surcease.

'Mid gentle sighs and tearless weaves
Of rest where soldiers lie,
Some are asleep in nameless graves
Beneath a tranquil sky!

Confederate braves who ne'er did tire
How sad they years decline
And gone the flush of youthful fire,
Your valor's yet in line.

Meet each war command o'er and o'er
And banish thoughts of strife,
Let peace live on from shore to shore,
Thro' each Confederate life;

Now, as we walk the Richmond green
And hear James' dismal sighs
That flow down that dewy scene
Where still sweet perfume flies.

How soon those days and years decline
With souls of Southern love,
They'll meet in joys unbroken line
In peaceful realms above;

The lilies and the roses weep
O'er Richmond's Southern gloom,
Forgetful not of those who sleep
In valor's boyhood bloom.

At Hollywood and Oakwood rest
Young men who fell in lead,
Whose valor immortelles attest,
For whom how hearts still bleed.

Let all war shadows now depart
From Southern lines of Gray,
Let peace and love possess each heart
With Richmond flowers today.

SESSION REACHES END

Clemson College Summer School Comes to Close.

Clemson College, July 22.—After six weeks of excellent work the Clemson summer school closes today. Reports from all sides are to the effect that the summer school has been a most decided success. The total enrollment has approached very close the 500 mark.

It consists of 250 teachers, 100 college students and prospective students removing conditions, 80 federal board vocational students, 15 cotton graders and 40 club boys. Besides these, about 70 county agents and extension specialists were present for a four day instructional course in their extension work. Dr. F. H. H. Calhoun, who was director of the summer school, is greatly pleased over the fine success of the session, as is everybody else connected with the work.

Our Daily Cotton Letter.

Anderson, July 22.—Liverpool cables came in pretty strong this morning due to the fact that the cable operator got drunk night before last and pounded the key unusually heavy.

A hard fight is being put up against the boll weevil. In fact, it took 2 jay birds and 3 sparrows 10 or 15 minutes to whip a couple of boll weevils down in Abbeville county the other day. Some farmers are killing weevils too—when the said weevils get in their way—by stepping on them while plowing and so forth.

We look for much higher prices but will not be surprised to see much lower prices as it now looks as if the coal strike will be settled.

German marks continue to grow unnecessary and Soviet rubles are worthless.

Heavy rains have been reported in Texas, Calhoun Falls and Kentucky during the past few days, and some of the stills on the small streams were washed away. This no doubt will cause the market to weaken as soon as the bulls look this calamity square in the face.

Yours truly,
Gee McGee, in Anderson Mail.

If their dresses are getting longer their legs are doing the same.—Ches-ter News.

RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Hill spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas.

Mrs. T. D. Morrow spent Sunday with Mrs. R. L. Morrow.

Mr and Mrs. Johnnie Waters were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins Sunday.

Miss Roberta Hutchison spent the week-end with Miss Flora Turner.

Mrs. Cape Morrow spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Boles.

Mrs. Monroe Crittendon spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Johnnie Waters.

J. H. Hutchison visited T. A. Turner Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Tucker spent one afternoon last week with Mrs. S. S. Boles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tucker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas

Miss Nettie Sue Wells spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Virginia and Leila Mae Turner.

Mr. Porter Hill and Mr. Elliott Thomas spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. C. B. Hutchison.

Mrs. T. A. Turner and daughter Virginia spent Wednesday after-

noon with Mrs. R. L. Morrow.
Mr. and Mrs. William Cook spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burton.

John Brown and Frank Evans spent Monday with T. A. Turner.

HOW WE SPENT IT WHEN MONEY GREW ON TREES

Elberton folks put about \$3500 in the band stand, the drinking fountain, the flag on the steeple and the horse trough—all on the square. The band stand is seldom used, the drinking fountain can't be used, and the fountain at the horse trough is out of order, and the flag doesn't show its colors. Now, what do you think of that?—Elberton Star.

Goes to Anderson
Greenwood, July 18.—A. M. Klugh, for the past eight years prominent in the cotton business Greenwood, will move to Anderson about September 1 to become district manager for the cotton firm of Cooper & Griffin. Mr. Klugh will take the place now held by J. I. Griffith, formerly of Greenwood who will go from Anderson Charlotte to take over the Charlotte office of Cooper & Griffin.

Do you really want to help farmers get sales for their diverse far products; then insist that your home merchants carry home products in sale and then you be sure to buy these home-made goods.

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This history making sale is your opportunity to save money. You were all pleased with the last Dollar Day, but the coming event will eclipse all sales of the past.

THE BOSS IN ALL THE STORES has instructed his sales force to cut the prices still deeper -- in fact he's going to turn his back and tell them to go to it.

Greenwood is the best shopping center in seven counties -- if you are doubtful, come here

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JULY 28TH AND 29TH

These Merchants Will Have Unusual Values:

Red Frew	H. Henley.	W. H. Harmon	T. J. Bolton
J. F. Keller	Taylor Bros.	The Ban Box.	Alexas Bros.
Sprott Bros.	Rosenberg's.	Pratt & Burnett.	T. B. Coleman
T. S. Chipley	J. I. Chipley	J. W. Duckett Co.	Milling-Moore.
J. L. Maxwell	J. P. Cothran	Greenwood Drug Co.	Rush Bros. Co.
J. R. Whatley.	R. Rosenbaum	Morehead Shoe Store.	Beaudrot-Beiers.
Huiett & Yeldell	J. B. Wharton.	Planters Hardware Co.	Patterson's Place.
Electric Bakery	Piggly Wiggly.	Oregon Millinery Parlor.	Cobb Furniture Co.
The Boston Store	The Boot Shop	Greenwood Hardware Co.	Simmons Grocery Co.
Harts Book Store	W. R. Anderson	Efrid's Department Store.	Wharton Clothing Co.
Palmetto Tea Room	Lee's Drug Store.	C. E. Smith Variety Store	Carolina Electric Machine Co.
Cooper Furniture Co.	Hodges Drug Store	Oregon Clothing Company.	Oregon Jewelry Co. & Oregon
Southern Grocery Co.	Army & Navy Store	Singer Sewing Machine Co.	Pharmacy.
Gambrell Hardware Co.	Seymour & Company.	Simmons Furniture Company.	